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What is claimed is:-

- 1. A portable radio telephone having an antenna which can be pivoted between a first position in which it projects from a surface of the telephone, and a second position in which it projects from a surface of the telephone, whereby the antenna may only pivot in a single plane and through an acute apple.
- 2. A portable radio telephone as claimed in claim 1, wherein the antenna is pivotable to a first stable position.
- 3. A portable radio telephone as claimed in claim 2, wherein the antenna is biased towards the first stable position.
- 4. A portable radio telephone as claimed in claim 2 octames, wherein the antenna is releasably locked in the first stable position.
- 5. A portable radio telephone as claimed in claim 2, wherein the antenna is pivotable to a second stable position.
- 20 6. A portable radio telephone as claimed in claim 5, wherein the antenna is biased towards the second stable position.
  - 7. A portable radio telephone as claimed in claim 5, wherein the antenna is releasably locked in the second stable position.
  - 8. A portable radio telephone as claimed in claim 2, wherein in the first stable position the antenna projects substantially parallel with a major axis of the main body portion.
- 30 9. A portable radio telephone as claimed in claim 2, wherein in the first stable position the antenna projects substantially perpendicular to the top surface of the main body portion.

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- 10. A portable radio telephone as claimed in claim 2, wherein the profile of the radio telephone is minimised when the antenna is in the first stable position.
- 11. A portable radio telephone as claimed in claim 2, wherein in the first stable position the antenna is canted relative to a major axis of the main body portion.
- 12. A portable radio telephone as claimed in claim 1, wherein the single plane of rotation intersects the top surface of the main body portion.
  - 13. A portable radio telephone as claimed in claim 1, wherein the single plane of rotation is substantially perpendicular to a front surface of the radio telephone.
  - 14. A portable radio telephone as claimed in claim 1, wherein the antenna is a non-retracting helical antenna.
  - 15. A portable radio telephone as claimed in claim 1, wherein the main body portion includes an earpiece positioned near the antenna.
  - 16. A portable radio telephone as claimed in claim 1, wherein the main body portion includes a microphone positioned distant from the antenna.
- 25 17. A portable radio telephone as claimed in claim 1, wherein the antenna extends beyond the main body portion.

